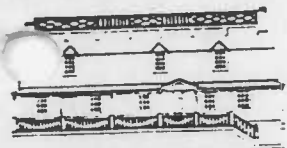


MARYLAND
HISTORICAL



TRUST

Easement

William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Jacqueline H. Rogers
Secretary, DHCD

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Mount Felix, Level Road, Havre de Grace Survey Number: HA 526

Project: MD 155 from I-95 to US 40, Havre de Grace Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no ☒ yes Name Paul Penrod + others Date 7/10/89

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: A B ☒ C D Considerations: A B C D E F G ☒ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Constructed circa 1830, Mt. Felix is located on a portion of a grand country estate established by Jacob Grider, one of Harford County's first large-scale entrepreneurs, in the mid-eighteenth century.

Mt. Felix is an excellent ^{and late} example of a large, brick, multi-part Georgian Mansion. It is distinguished by fine brickwork and a Palladian window. Mt. Felix was constructed during a burst of high style building activity which occurred in an area around the western edge of Havre de Grace in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In addition to the house, the 15-acre property includes a meathouse, Slave Quarters, corn crib, barn and other outbuildings.

TRUST has easement on Mt. Felix

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: HA Form # 526 and Easement

file

Prepared by: Paul Penrod, Site Surveyor for MHT

Elizabeth Harrell Date 6/14/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Ronald H. Anderson Date 14 June 91
Reviewer, NR program

gms

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian | 10000-7500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic | 7500-6000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic | 6000-4000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic | 4000-2000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland | 2000-500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland | 500 B.C.- A.D.900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic | A.D. 900-1600 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement | A.D. 1570-1750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification | A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition | A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance | A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period | A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- ☐ Subsistence
- ☐ Settlement
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Demographic
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- ☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- ☐ Government/Law
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
- ☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): house & outbuildings

Known Design Source: unknown

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Felix

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Level Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☒ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Henry Billingley

939-5975

Telephone #: (202) 833-8860

STREET & NUMBER

1910 K. Street NW

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

20006

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 730
Folio #: 287

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a brick structure, facing the northwest with a center section of two and one-half stories. The walls are regular bond, with exception of the wing, which is common bond. The kitchen wing, to the west, is a short two stories. The principal part of the house is five bays by three, while the kitchen is three openings across and windowless on the western end. The entire building rests on a high stone foundation. All of the sashes are crowned with flat brick arches and are 6X6 in configuration, being narrowest in the older part of the house. There are some very ornate panes and window features in this house. A Palladian-Venetian window with frame trim is positioned above the entrance. The eastern extreme of the main house has half-fan lights. A full fan light, more decorative, festoons the northwest gable of the wing, which is perpendicular to the rest of the house and a short two stories tall. The doors leading into the center section are opposite ones, the southeastern one having sidelights, and a seven light transom, while the northwestern one has two-pane sidelights. A third portal is located on the southern side of the kitchen. Two three-light cellar openings are situated on either side of the northwestern entrance. The basement well is positioned on the western wall of the kitchen. The slate roof is gable-flank on all of this dwelling, with the exception of the wing, which is gable-front, and underneath of it is a box cornice and frieze, which is new. Two wide, Georgian chimneys, each in reality containing two flues, are located on the eastern and western ends of the main house. Small inside-end flues are located on the western end of the kitchen and on the northern extreme of the wing. Three gabled 6x6 gabled dormers are positioned on the southeastern slope of the main roof. The remnants of a square cupola straddle the central part's roof. A one-bay shed roof porch covers the northwestern doorway, where a three-bay version skirts the southern wall of the kitchen.

The interior of this house has not been altered much at all. Apparently, the first floor of the original section consisted of a thru-hall with two rooms on either side, each one having a fireplace. A huge hearth is still in evidence in the kitchen. The walls retain some of the original, or at least, very old plaster. Panels along the window bases, ceiling cornices and chair rails are in most of the rooms. Also found are panelled walls, wainscoting and cabinets flanking the fireplace. The main stairway is a three-decker, illuminated by Palladian windows.

The most interesting outbuilding is the meathouse/slave quarters, located just west of the house. It has walls of bevelled frame, as well as a high stone foundation. One door is located on the northwestern side while two are built into the eastern wall. The roof is gable flank and wood shingled. A single attic window is situated on the northern end.

The following outbuildings are owned and operated by Jean Keyes and sons: The corn crib, equipment shed and barn are all older farm buildings, with stone bases and vertical siding. The corn crib has a tin roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

44-526

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tract on which this structure is located was once owned by Jacob Giles and consisted of parts of St. Martins Ludgate, Rich Bottom Corrected, Birch Bottom conceded and Rich Level. A Giles house existed on this property before the present one, appearing on the 1798 Tax List. Jacob Giles, according to the 1783 Tax List, owned 89 acres of Rich Bottom Corrected. The land was owned by the Giles family until the 1830's, and it was during this time that the house was probably constructed. It is an excellent example of Georgian architecture, shown in the brickwork, the ornate garrett windows and the chimneys. The 1878 Martenet Map shows the owner to be John Mitchell.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

HA 526

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798
Harford County Land Records
Martent's Map of 1878
Maryland Tax List 1785 Harford County

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is located at the end of a land running from the southern side of Maryland State Route 155. It is completely surrounded by the property of Montgomery Green.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul Penrod/site surveyor

July 13, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland State Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

GEORGE N. NUMSEN
Chairman

SUSAN M. DEENEY
Field Historian

HA-526

February 15, 1977

Mark Edwards
Site Survey Co-ordinator
Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mark,

I received a telephone call from Mr. Henry Billingsley, owner of Mt. Felix (HA-526) yesterday. He had received a letter from you stating that his house was included in the Harford County Inventory of the Maryland Historical Trust and a copy of the survey performed by Paul Penrod. He had several corrections to make, and I have enclosed a newly typed survey sheet with corrections. Parts of the Title Search are incorrect and I have enclosed only the most recent legal description.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Deeney

Susan M. Deeney

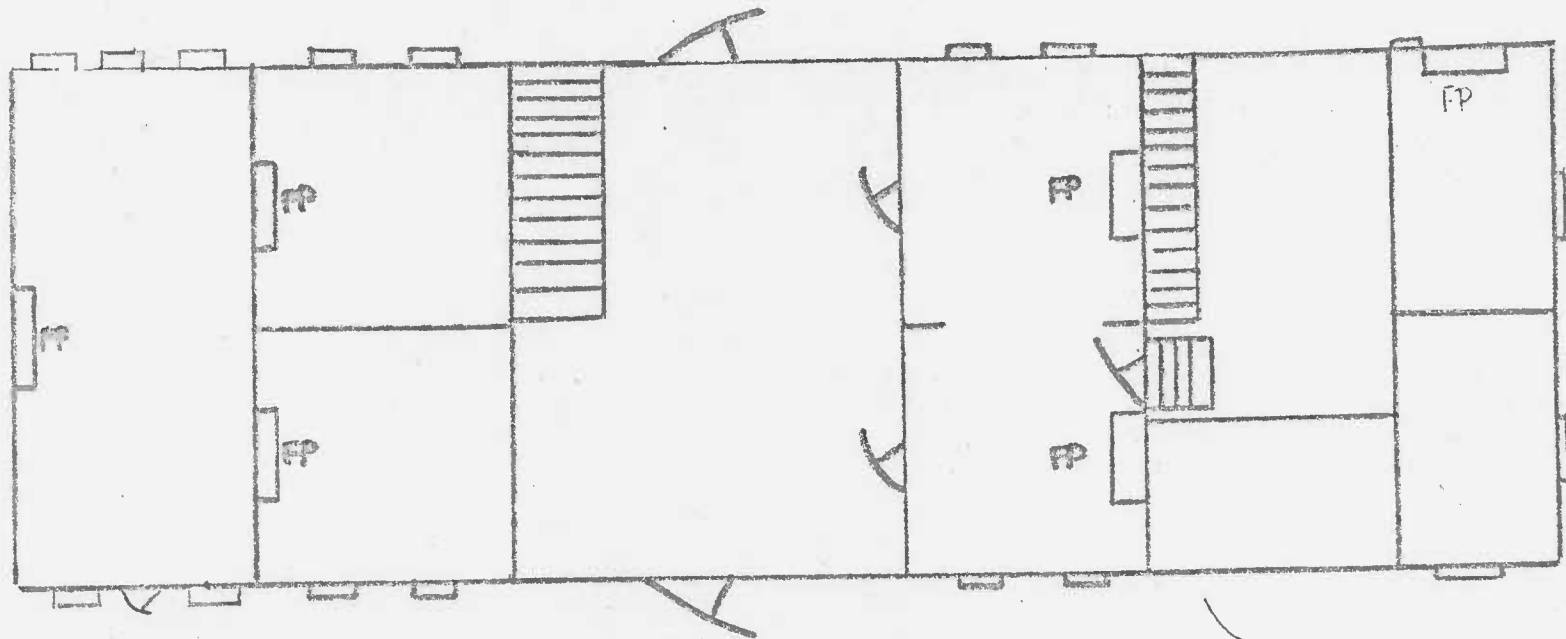
*Corrected form
substituted for
faulty one
PMS 9/15/77*

Mount Felix HA - 526
Level Road
Havre de Grace, Maryland

GRG	730	287	12/15/66	Grantor: Montgomery M. and Ann W. Green Grantee: Henry E. Billingsley Acreage: 1.738 acres, Mount Felix
GRG	384	465	1952	Grantor: William B. Mosle Grantee: Montgomery M. and Ann W. Green Acreage: 212.82 acres of Mount Felix
GRG	304	497		George M. Anderson conveyed the property to William B. Mosle in 1945.
GCB	288	336		George M. Anderson received the land from Margaret Houston Meigs in 1945.
JAR	166	223		1. John O. Mitchell transferred Mt. Felix, consisting of parts of Level Addition, Rich Bottom Corrected, St. Martins Ludgate and Birch Bottom Conceded, totalling 97.55 acres. This transaction occurred in 1919.
WSF	74	70		Robert P. Mitchell, executor of the estate of John Mitchell, Sr., sold the property to J. Gertrude Osborn in 1892. The land consisted of 186 1/4 acres and one perch.
HD	22	60		a. Herman Stump sold John Mitchell 65 3/4 acres and one perch in 1838.
HD	19	305		In 1836, Herman Stump obtained 32 acres of Rich Bottom Corrected from Charles H. Giles. This was originally Giles land, as will be seen in section (b).
HDG	36	319		b. Henry D. Farnandis conveyed Mt. Felix, amounting to 122 acres, to John Mitchell in 1850. Farnandis became trustee after a land dispute (Equity Record No. 6, Folio 327).
HD	22	327		Ellen Constable sold the property to James Boyd in 1838, it consisting of parts of Birch Bottom Conceded and Level's Addition. The deed mentions that the land was originally that of Jacob Giles then left to his son Thomas Giles and finally to Charles H. Giles. This tract measures 120 3/4 acres and 14 perches.
HD	22	77		In the same year, Charles H. Giles conveyed the land to Albert Constable.
DGW	183	101		2. Charles E. Bryan conveyed 60 3/4 acres to Robert R. Meigs in 1923. This included parts of St. Martin's Ludgate and Rich Bottom Corrected.
WSF	89	151		J. Gertrude Osborn transferred the tract to John E. and William Silver. in 1896.

HA-526

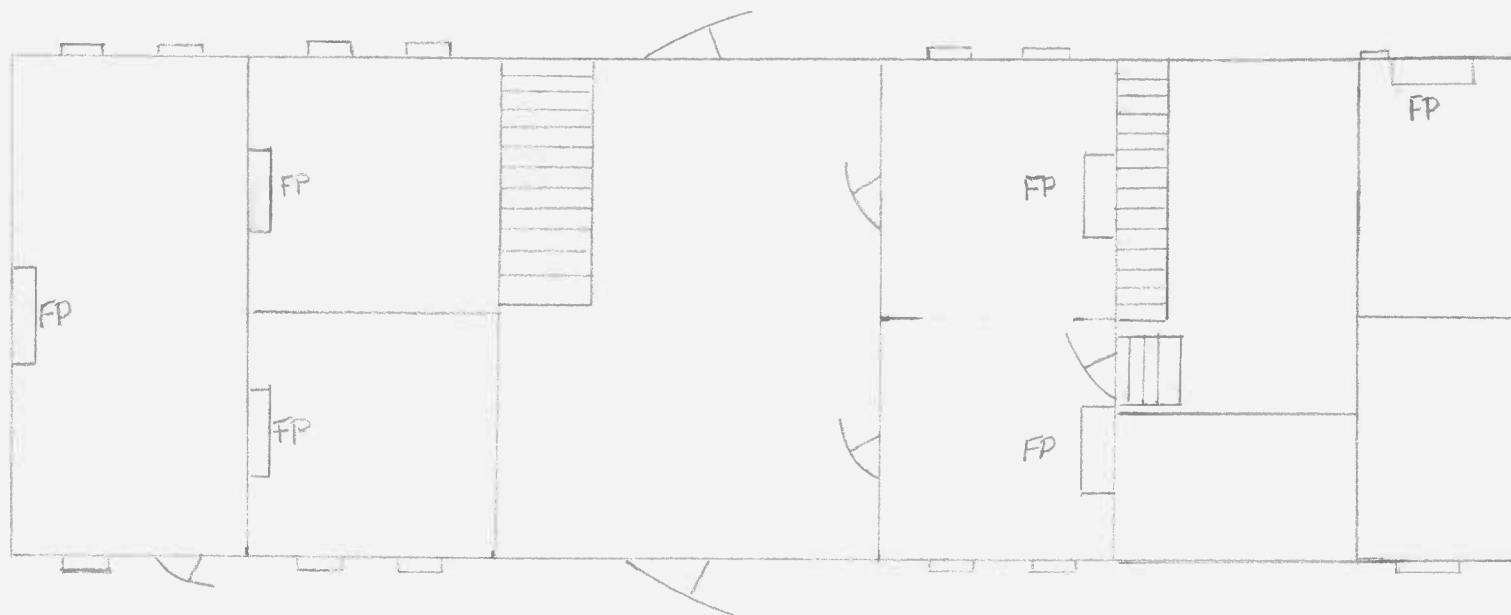
AT FELIX

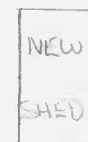
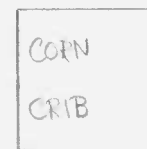
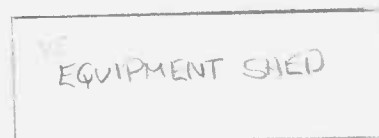
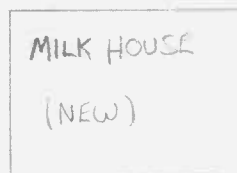
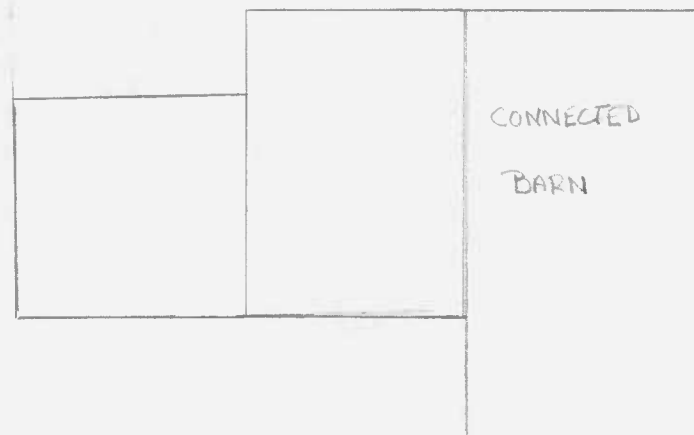


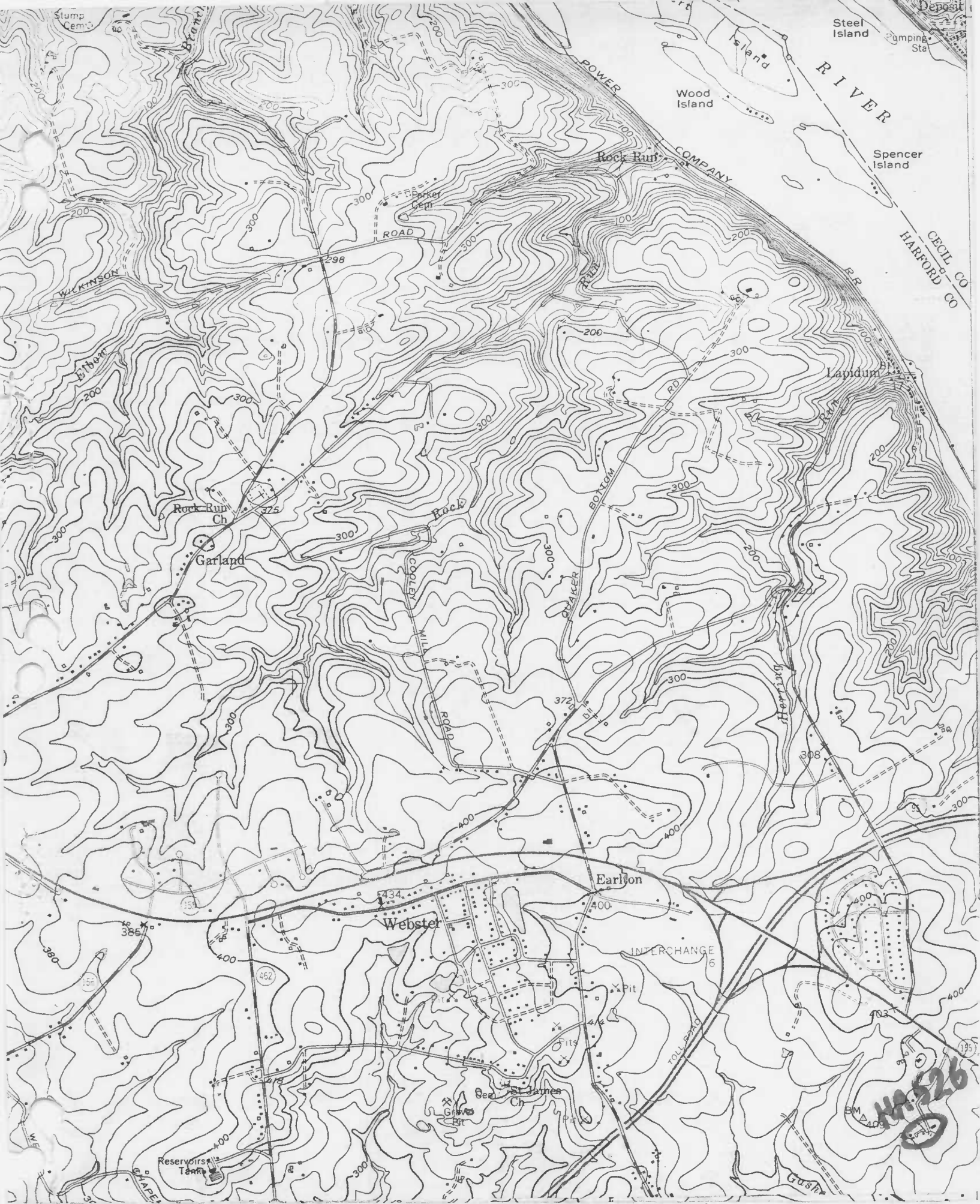
20th Century
Addition:
NOT AN ACCURATE
Rendition.

HA-526

MT. FELIX







HA-526

MT. FELIX

HA-526





Mt. Felix HA-526
Level Road
Havre de Grace, MD
Paul Penrod
East side

7/76



Mt. Felix Smokehouse HA-526
Level Road
Havre de Grace, MD
Paul Penrod 7/76
Northside